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Oct. 24th, 1918

Apply to W.C. Bowman
Dietetics
Toronto Gen Hosp

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Torontoo
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert:-

A request has been made to me for the entry of a student in dietetics in the General Hospital which I am told provides for some students in such a course and that the awarding of such studentships comes under the supervision of the University. That may or may not be so, but in the search for information I venture to ask you with reference thereto. If it does, I have this to say: That Miss Jessie Van Wart, 53 Albert Street, St. John, N.B., 22 years of age who has completed a Normal Course in Household Science at Acadia Ladies' Seminary, Wolfville, and holds a teacher's First Class Superior Licence for the Province of New Brunswick. At present she is teaching House hold Science in the Fredericton High School as supply teacher. During the summer she was a Government Demonstrator for Food Conservation in New Brunswick. She wishes now to take a post-graduate course in dietetics as a student dietitian at the University of Toronto General Hospital - as she puts it - . That is the whole matter and you no doubt can set me right as to whom application should be made.

This girl is a very worthy girl and her desire to become well furnished in the science of dietetics is praiseworthy.

I am sorry to trouble you but I hope you will be able to give me the information desired.

Yours sincerely,

Eugene R. Austin

October 28th, 1918

The Honourable Sir George E. Foster, G.C.M.G.,

Department of Trade and Commerce,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir George:

I have made inquiries with regard to the substance of your letter from Miss Laird, who is the head of our Department of Household Science. She informs me that there is no practical course in dietetics which she supervises in the Toronto General Hospital, but she asks me to say to you that if Miss Van Nart would apply to Mrs. Burns, Dietitian at the Toronto General Hospital, she would probably be able to obtain the training that she desires.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.